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Aruba's Olympic Committee presents their delegation for the 1st Youth Olympics



Aruban athletes going to Youth Olympics with Nicole, Roy Mezas and Minister Visser



Minister Visser handing over the Aruban flag to COA President Roy Mezas

Aruba's Olympic Committee, (COA) conducted a ritual celebration of athletic prowess and youthful determination at the Tulip Restaurant on Wednesday evening, as they introduced the four delegates to the 1st Youth Olympics,

which will take place in Singapore from August 14 to 26.

The idea for such an event was introduced by International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Jacques Rogge in 2001, to stimulate young athletes to continue

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Kagan confirmed as Obama's second Supreme Court justice

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama's second US Supreme Court pick, Elena Kagan, won Senate confirmation yesterday as just the fourth woman to reach the high bench, giving Democrats a welcome election-year boost.

Lawmakers voted 63-37 to confirm Kagan as one of the nine justices who act as final arbiters of the US Constitution, set precedent for lower courts, and decide some of the nation's toughest moral and legal dilemmas.

As a raging thunderstorm drenched the Capitol in sheets of rain that made it hard to see buildings just blocks away, five Republicans broke ranks to back Kagan, while one Democrat, Senator Ben Nelson of Nebraska, voted against her.

Her confirmation to the lifetime post, which was never really in doubt, handed Obama and his Democratic allies a much-needed boost before November mid-term elections in which they are expected to suffer heavy losses.



It also brought to two the number of justices named by the president -- after the court's first Hispanic justice, Sonia Sotomayor -- and the total number of women on the high bench to three for the first time ever.

Kagan, seen as a liberal in

the mold of retiring justice John Paul Stevens, was not expected to tip the overall ideological balance of the court, which many observers have described as the most conservative in decades.

She was expected to be sworn in swiftly, well before the nine black-robe justices' fall session.

Some of their most controversial decisions have included the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion in the United States and the Bush v. Gore case that handed the disputed 2000 presidential election to George W. Bush.

Nominating US Supreme Court justices ranks among the most consequential powers of the US presidency, as a judge's lifetime tenure typically stretches well beyond the influence of the temporary occupant of the White House.

Huge evacuation underway as Pakistan floods hit four million

KARACHI, Pakistan (AFP) - Pakistan began evacuating half a million people from flood-risk areas in the south yesterday as the overall number hit by the country's worst floods in living memory rose to more than four million.

The United Nations

rushed a top envoy to Pakistan to mobilise international support and address the urgent plight of millions affected by torrential monsoon rains across the volatile country that have killed around 1,500.

The disaster is now into its

Mandela charity denies having Taylor diamonds

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - Nelson Mandela's charity says it did not receive the diamonds Naomi Campbell testified she gave to its former head.

Campbell, the World Court in The Hague yester said she gave the stones to a friend, Jeremy Ratcliffe, who was the director of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, intending he use them for charity.

But the organization's cur-

rent spokesman says the fund did not receive the diamonds.

The official said the fund was unable to locate Ratcliffe and he also could not be reached by phone. He confirmed that Ratcliffe is no longer the fund's chief executive but a trustee.

Campbell said she had called Ratcliffe a year ago to ask what he had done with the stones, and he told her he still had them.

Naomi Campbell admits receiving diamonds gift

South African president Nelson Mandela in September 1997, and handed a pouch she only opened the next morning.

"I saw a few stones in there. Very small, dirty-looking stones ... maybe three, two or three," Campbell, 40, said of the gift delivered by two men she did not know.

At breakfast the next morning, she told her then agent Carole White and actress Mia Farrow about the gift, both of whom assumed the stones were diamonds.

"One of the two said 'that is obviously Charles Taylor' and I said 'yes I guess it was,'" she told the court, adding she never saw Taylor again and did not confront him about the gift she claims she subsequently gave to a charity.

Taylor, 62, is standing trial before the Special Court for Sierra Leone on 11 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity for his alleged role in the 1991-2001 Sierra Leone civil war that claimed some 120,000 lives.

He is accused of receiving illegally mined "blood diamonds" in return for arming rebels who murdered, raped and maimed Sierra Leone civilians, cutting off their limbs and carving initials into their bodies.

Thomas Moiwo, a double amputee from the conflict, said: "I am disappointed over the testimony as it failed to show the way Taylor might have distributed our diamonds."



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Scientists forecast nine more Atlantic hurricanes, five big ones

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) -- The forecast for the 2010 Atlantic hurricane season calls for nine more hurricanes by November, including five major ones with winds topping 178 kilometers (110 miles) per hour, a Colorado State University study said yesterday.

The predictions for a "much more active than average" June-November hurricane season includes 18 named tropical storms, three of which -- Alex, Bonnie and Colin -- have already hit the region between June and August.

The predictions by CSU scientists Philip Klotzbach and William Gray confirm an

earlier study that called for 10 hurricanes this season -- Alex became a hurricane with 150 kilometers (93 miles) per hour winds and struck Mexico's eastern shores on July 1.

With 18 tropical storms predicted, the 2010 season would best the average 9.6 tropical storms and 5.9 hurricanes recorded this past century, the study said.

The scientists attributed the unusually active season to the La Niña weather phenomenon that sees cooler Pacific Ocean temperatures and warmer ones in the Atlantic Ocean, giving rise to favorable hurricane-forming conditions.

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Caricom leader to resign after nearly two decades

GEORGETOWN, Guyana -- The longtime leader of a Caribbean trade bloc announced his resignation Wednesday, surprising many who had praised the way he dealt with nearly two decades of challenges.

Edwin Carrington is the longest serving secretary general of the Guyana-based Caribbean Community, created in July 1973. He is credited with helping boost the region's sluggish economy and creating a regional appeals court.

"It has been a period of important achievements as well as significant disappointments," Carrington said in a statement.

"I leave satisfied and confident however, that Caricom now has a solid platform."

Carrington did not specify the disappointments or say why he decided to give up the post at the end of December, but said he was looking forward to dealing with family issues.

Caricom trade director David Hales called Carrington an inspirational leader.

"I think his shoes will be hard to fill," Hales said. "He generated strong loyalty among staff and people who worked closely with him."

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Labor unions SEPA and SPA pay courtesy visit to Governor Refunjol



Recently, Aruba Governor Fredis Refunol received courtesy visits from board members of two labor unions. The visits are in connection with the general meetings which are held twice a year. During the visit they discussed different topics of the national dialogue.

The unions visiting the governor were:

* SEPPA with board members Mr. Gregorio Wolff – president, Mrs. Magali Brito – general secretary and Mr. Edmund Marlin – treasurer.

* SPA with board members Mr. Guilfred Besaril – president, Mrs. Sorayda dr Cuba – secretary and Mr. Angelo Davelaar – treasurer.

• Photos show moments of the visit at the office of Governor Refunjol.



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Will Smith teaches son how not to kiss on-screen



Jaden Smith

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) – Hollywood star Will Smith said he advised his 12-year-old son Jaden to keep his lips closed in a screen kiss in the remake of "The Karate Kid," warning him that otherwise he would "look like a whale."

"Try not to keep your mouth open," is what Smith,

who produced the movie, advised his son -- although he added that it was his wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, who first gave him the tip during shooting of the 2008 film "Seven Pounds."

On the big screen, "if you open your mouth too much, you look like a whale," Smith told a Tokyo press conference Thursday.

"It kind of looks like you're trying to eat the person instead of kissing them," he added before demonstrating his message by locking lips with his wife, who had joined Smith and their son along with martial arts star Jackie Chan.

Jaden drew laughs when he cheekily replied to his dad: "I think it would be a good idea to keep your mouth shut."

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The question has been asked more than a few times by visitors if there is water all around the island. True, true! They do ask. True, true, we say. But there is very little water on the island. Aruba does not have lakes, rivers, waterfalls, ponds or very much rainfall. It's arid and desert-like over most of the island, a perfect habitat for the many species of cacti which provide sustenance for our wild life.

Back when there was a small population, Arubans would walk or ride a donkey to the nearest rooi, a small brook or stream to gather water or extract drinking water from a well or a catch pool known as a tanki. Water was also imported in tankers from nearby Venezuela, whose mountains can be seen from higher up sites around Aruba.

And then came WEB, the power plant in Balashi built to supply electricity and desalinated sea water for the island. In the 1920's with the opening of the Lago (Esso) Oil Refinery in San Nicolas, and a substantial increase in the population fueled the need for potable water. Since then WEB has been increasing steadily its ability to provide water for the continually growing population and industry. Ranked among the very highest in quality around the world by the World Health Organization, the water is not only safe but delicious. It is "void of disease, the result of boiling the water at 212 degrees Fahrenheit which removes all forms of bacteria and omits the need for chlorine. The pure distilled water is filtered through beds of coral stones which absorbs enriching minerals, such as calcium and oxygen. No chemicals are added to the water.

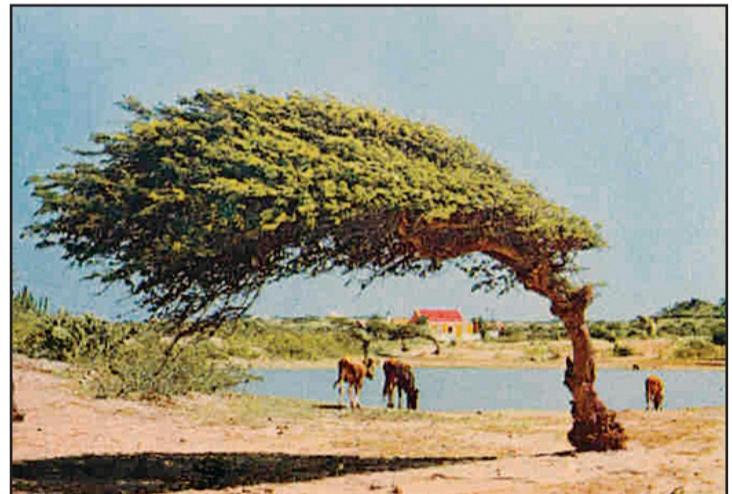
Early on, visitors were recommended to drink a "Balashi Cocktail."

Go the website: Webaruba.com for more information about the water plant. There is also a free tour given once a week; reservations required. Call 525-4600.

Tourists who did not know about the pure water would bring bottled water to the island. And then, and they still do today, ask for ice from the bartender for their water. If the water isn't safe enough to drink, why would the ice be safe? It certainly isn't made from bottled water. The smart thing to do is buy a bottle of AWA (the Papiamento word for water) which is bottled in Aruba and refill it from the tap to carry to the beach or on excursions. Please drink the water!



WEB Aruba N.V. - Aruba's water and energy plant



Donkeys drinking water at a tanki (water pool)

Not really surprising is that there are many tides around the island. Though the sea appears warmly peaceful as seen from the hotel beaches, one cannot swim out too far for fear of being pulled away. One could end up in Panama or Venezuela. Back then before lines were rigged to keep swimmers close to the shore, visitors would stretch out on floating lounges and drift away and away and away. A frightened man or woman would come screaming for a beach boy (although they were all men) that the person on the float had not reappeared. Man the boats!

and off they'd go looking. One hapless woman was found near the lighthouse. Several men were found almost at the oil tankers parked a good way offshore.

Sharks were and are kept away from the tourist beaches by feeding them dead animals collected by the animal protection teams on the northeast coast. One young diver, however, came face-to-face with a shark, out too far he was and swears that he shot up straight out of the sea and walked on the water to get to his boat. He is a successful Dr. here these days.

John, Carol, Megan and Lexi Summers enjoy their home away from home again



The Summers family of Texas, has made Aruba their second home, coming back for the 12th time. They enjoyed the all inclusive at the Tamarind for two weeks and are now enjoying

their one week timeshare at La Cabana.

Over the past many years they have made many friends here in Aruba, namely Kees and Diane Keijzer who they now refer to as Uncle Kees and Aunt Diane. An annual event has been having Diane take their family pictures for Christmas cards that they send out to their friends in the States.

This year is different from the past years because their son Jacob is now in the United States Merchant Marines and is having his own adventures in the South Pacific, but, he misses being in Aruba with new friends and new family, and enjoying the wonderful beaches and all the fantastic places to eat.

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Famous Globe Trekker traveler Ian Wright visits Aruba

Recently, The Morning News photographer spotted Ian Wright.

Ian Douglas Wright (born May 17, 1965, Suffolk, England) is a host of Pilot Productions' travel/adventure television series *Globe Trekker*. He also hosted the short-lived program *Ian Wright Live*, a show filmed before a live audience and featured discussions on various travel topics.

A seasoned international traveller, Wright is perhaps the most recognizable host of *Globe Trekker*. He is known for his witty banter and amusing interactions with locals. For the past 7 years, he has hosted over 50 episodes of the program, including more extreme locations like Arctic Canada, Kirghizstan and Uzbekistan, Russia, Armenia,

Nepal, and Outback Australia. To date, Wright has won three U.S. Cable Ace Awards for Best Magazine Host

Wright is an accomplished painter, who had an exhibition of his work displayed in London. He has also played an active role in several after-school programs for children with behavioural difficulties. He currently lives in London with his wife and family.

Wright is a vegetarian, though he will occasionally break this for his travel docu-



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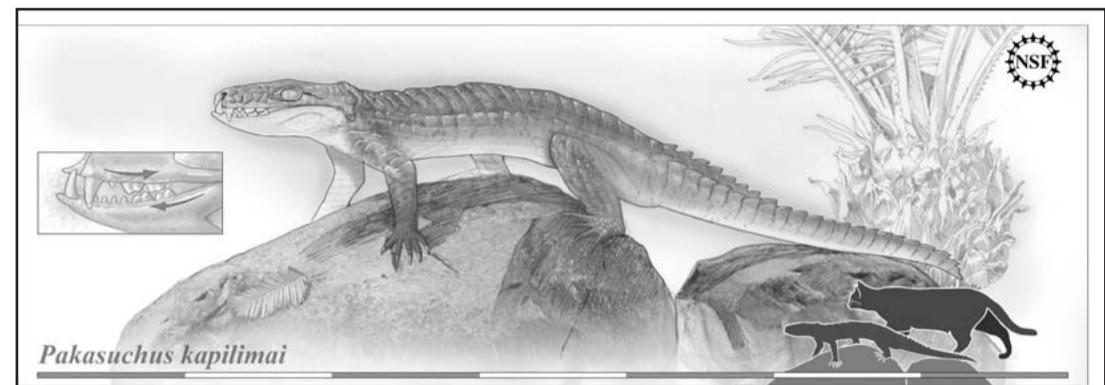
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Science/Tech

This croc could chew: study



This artistic impression released by the National Science Foundation shows in the main frame an ancient crocodile *Pakasuchus kapilimai* that once roamed the Middle Cretaceous of Tanzania. Scientists on August 4, 2010, announced the discovery of an ancient, mammal-like crocodile that knew how to chew, something its modern gash-and-gulp cousins can't do. No larger than a housecat, the animal had a number of features unusual for crocodylians, including mammal-like teeth. The 100-million-year-old reptile, unearthed in Tanzania, had an unusually lean profile, a flexible backbone and relatively little scaly armour around its midriff, the better to leap in the air to grab giant dragonflies and other airborne prey. But the most bitingly distinctive feature of *Pakasuchus kapilimai*, the researchers said, was its choppers. It shared the overhanging, fang-like canines that today's alligators and crocodiles use to rip into their victims' flesh before swallowing them more-or-less whole. But it also had specialised teeth that looked suspiciously like the molars -- adapted for grinding food rather than slashing it -- once thought to be unique to our distant warm-blooded ancestors. The discovery adds to a growing body of evidence suggesting that crocodiles were once far more diverse than they are today in body type, habitat and appetites. The diminutive croc would have co-existed with carnivorous theropods such as *Tyrannosaurus rex* and *Velociraptor*, as well as the huge, plant-eating *Sauropods*. AFP PHOTO

Japanese and US whizzes claim record for pi calculation

TOKYO (AFP) - A pair of Japanese and US computer whizzes claim to have calculated pi to five trillion decimal places -- a number which if verified eclipses the previous record set by a French software engineer.

"We believe our achievement sets a new record," Japanese system engineer Shigeru Kondo said, adding that the French man's calculation to nearly 2.7 trillion places was believed to be the previous record.

The 54-year-old from central Japan, teamed up with Alexander Yee, a US computer science student, to set about calculating the constant that has fascinated mathematicians for millennia.

Pi, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, starts with 3.14159 in a string whose digits are believed to never repeat or end.

"Alexander provided software and I was in charge of hardware. We couldn't have achieved the results without either of us," Kondo said, adding that the two men worked together while communicating by email.

It took 90 days to calculate pi at Kondo's home using a desktop computer with 20 external hard disks. It ran on the operating system Windows

Server 2008R2 and used powerful Intel microprocessors. Verification took 64 hours.

Kondo built the computer by himself, procuring parts from local electronics shops and via the Internet. "I don't really want to say how much it cost me as my family may hear it... it's about 18,000 dollars," he told AFP by telephone.

It was midnight in Japan when the computer reached five trillion decimal places. "I was alone in the room at the moment... I know this is nothing but self satisfaction," he said.

Earlier this year Fabrice Bellard of France said he had used an inexpensive desktop computer -- and not a supercomputer like those used in past records -- to calculate pi to nearly 2.7 trillion decimal places.

Total Body Tan is a Total Myth

Those who sunbathe in the buff in hopes of achieving the perfect all-around tan are soaking up rays in vain, a new study suggests.

A consistent tan all over the body is impossible to attain, because some areas are more resistant to tanning than others, the researchers say.

The findings show that the buttock doesn't tan as easily as other body parts, and when the butt does get red from the sun, it's less likely than other body regions to turn into a tan. It was also found that people with no freckles tan more easily than those with freckling.

Scientists carried out the study in an effort to figure out why different types of skin cancer tend to be found in different parts of the body, given that they are all caused by exposure to sunshine.

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Vaccine shows some promise against advanced cancers

Scientists have genetically tweaked a virus to fashion a therapeutic vaccine that appears to attack a variety of advanced cancers.

The vaccine has provoked the required tumor-fighting immune response in early human trials, but only in a minority of patients tested.

And one expert urged caution. "They were able to generate an immune response [with the vaccine]. That's a good thing but we need a little more information," said Dr. Adam Cohen, assistant professor in medical oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. He was not involved in the study.

"This is the first study in cancer patients with this type of vaccine, with a relatively small number of patients treated so far," Cohen noted. "So while the immune response data are promising, further study in a larger number of patients will be required to assess the clinical benefit of the vaccine."

One vaccine to treat

prostate cancer, Provenge, was recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. However, Cohen noted that many other cancer vaccines have shown early promise and not panned out.

The theory behind therapeutic cancer vaccines is that people with cancer tend to have defects in their immune system that compromise their ability to respond to malignancy, explained study lead author Dr. Michael Morse, associate professor of medicine at Duke University Medical Center.

"A vaccine has to work by activating immune cells that are capable of killing tumors and those immune cells have to survive long enough [to] get to the tumor and destroy it," he explained.

For this vaccine, the authors used the Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus, an "alphavirus" that affects the nervous systems of equines, including horses and donkeys.

Alphaviruses provide an attractive vector for vaccines be-

cause they naturally seek out dendritic cells, which stimulate the body's immune system.

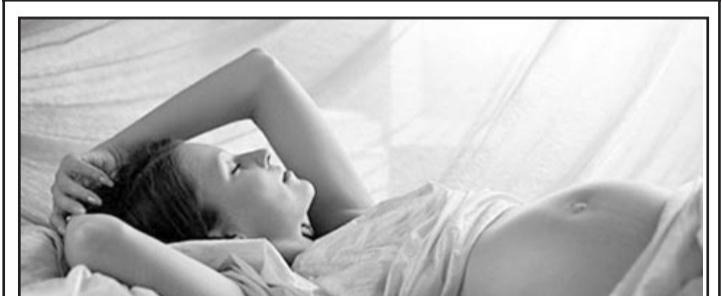
In their work, the authors removed the innards of the virus and substituted instead a gene for the carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA). This immune system biomarker is overproduced in many different types of cancer.

The vaccine was then administered multiple times over a period of three months to 28 patients with advanced, recurrent forms of lung, colon, breast, appendix or pancreatic cancer. The participants had already failed several rounds of standard chemotherapy.

Five patients displayed a response to the therapy: Two who had already been in remission stayed in remission; two patients saw their cancers stabilize; and a liver lesion in one patient with pancreatic cancer was no longer evident.

The responses tended to occur in patients with smaller tumors and in those receiving higher doses of the vaccine.

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If your doctor prescribes bed rest during pregnancy, be sure to ask plenty of questions about what's safe for you to do. The Nemours Foundation says you should ask your doctor about the following activities:

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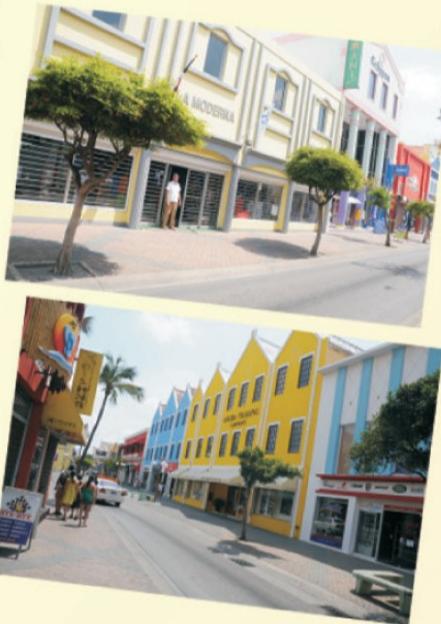


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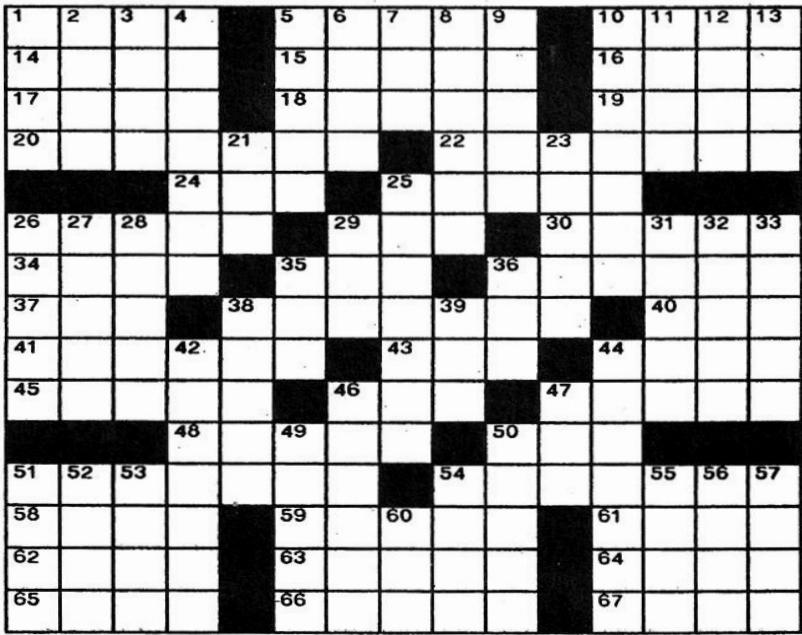
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Obama hails auto recovery as US grants Ford loans

CHICAGO, Illinois (AFP) - The United States will guarantee loans to Ford to help export more than 200,000 cars to Canada and Mexico, President Barack Obama said yesterday as he hailed the comeback of the US auto industry.

Recalling his stated intention in January to double US exports within five years, Obama told Ford workers that the 250-million-dollar loan guarantee "means more production and more manufacturing jobs right here in the United States."

Ahead of Obama's visit to the Ford plant in his hometown

of Chicago, the White House said the Export-Import Bank loans "will finance 3.1 billion dollars of export sales."

The announcement comes a week after the president made similar trips to plants of the two other "big three" auto manufacturers, General Motors and Chrysler, where he hailed the industry's steady recovery despite economic hardship and high unemployment.

"The auto industry is going to take more time to heal from all the damage that was done. But we're beginning to see our efforts pay off," Obama said yesterday.

A single, simple technique that always generates a profitable stream of referrals and new leads!

by Ken Varga



Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

By earnestly applying the ideas, you will learn how you too can build your business to success, while living an unhurried life, filled with family, friends, fun and a relaxed attitude.

Hi again, and welcome to another Tip on how to get customers. In this Tip we are going to talk about special events and information nights.

This Tip will generate more customers than you can imagine, and it is one of my favorites.

It makes you stand out from other businesses and gives you a way to make a huge connection with your customers.

The concept behind special events or information nights is very simple.

You offer a prospect...a targeted, highly qualified prospect you feel has a high probability of turning into a customer...a chance to come to you, your place of business, or to another location, for purposes of:

Here are a few examples.
I was a cofounder of a local

Transocean gets 249 lawsuits, claims over oil spill

ZURICH, Switzerland (AFP) - Close to 250 lawsuits or claims have been filed against Transocean, the company which owns the BP-leased offshore rig behind the huge Gulf of Mexico oil spill, a filing by the firm showed yesterday.

"As of August 2, 2010, 249 legal actions or claims have been filed against Transocean entities, along with other unaffiliated defendants, in state and federal courts," said the Swiss-based group.

"Additionally, government agencies have initiated investigations into the Macondo well incident."

"We are evaluating all claims and intend to pursue any and all defenses avail-

- Getting an education about your product and its benefits and results.

- Getting information they don't know about.
- Getting to meet you, your staff, or key team members.

- Allowing people to come and enjoy a unique entertainment and social experience.

- A chance to bring customers and prospects together and acknowledge that they are important to you.

- To tap into the existing loyalty and satisfaction your customers feel for you and to transfer that feeling to the prospects you want to sell to.

This is the key. Your existing customers will actually do the selling to the prospective customer about your products or services.

Any business, no matter what they sell, can set up an information night for their customers.

They can have experts in the fields of information that their customers need.

So no matter what your business is, you can arrange for an accountant, lawyer, and real estate person, anyone who can help your customer in these needs.

But the key ingredient here is to have your customer bring with them a non-customer.

Once this non-customer sees how much you're doing for their friend, they become your customers.

Here are a few examples.
I was a cofounder of a local

community bank. One of the problems I had in marketing was to find the answer to why a business owner would want to move their account from their present bank to mine.

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I turned two of my manuals (the Teachers Manual and the Student Manual on how to get customers) into a total turnkey system for the bank to use in putting on the seminars for the attendees.

But here's the kicker. We asked the business owners to bring a non-customer with them to the seminar.

Once the non-customers were there, they thought, "My present bank doesn't do this for me. I'm going to switch." And they did.

Whether you are a real estate agent, accountant, lawyer, insurance agent, or any other type of business owner, you can hold information nights or special events. And you can have the customers who attend bring other potential customers, who in turn become your customers.

And if you wanted to put on a seminar that helped your business customers grow their businesses, you could either bring in a speaker to help you do this, or you could do as the bank did and use my system or a similar system to make the job easy.

I can go on and on about this concept but I'm sure you get the idea.

I just love these types of concepts because when put into practice, they result in more and more customers for your business.

Let me know if you'd like me to write more about this concept.

To your success,

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Steak on a Stone - Le Petit Café's specialty



Welcome to Le Petit Café

In a time when dining choices and critiques are based on value for your dollar, an old favorite, Le Petit Café, still offers one of the best values not only in price, but quality, quantity and ambiance.

Le Petit Café in Palm Beach offers charming surroundings reminiscent of a European outdoor café. Surrounded by Old World gaslights and an abundance of flora, it provides a delightful and romantic setting.

The Early Bird special offers a choice of a full sized chicken breast, a hefty portion of filet mignon or fresh grouper fillet accompanied by a well-stuffed baked potato, rice or french fries. There is a

in particular is excellent; extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usually requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to well done.

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their signature

fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer an American breakfast for \$6.95 and a full breakfast buffet for \$10.95, another unbeatable



Fish on a Stone

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Le Petit Café is also located in the Paradise Beach Villas, so whether you are staying in Oranjestad, Palm Beach or Eagle Beach, a La Petit Café restaurant can be found only a short stroll away from you resort, a perfect way to begin or end your day!

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are im-



own home on Aruba will eventually be a community of 200 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a work-out room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It



pressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community, and here the prices of properties have only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

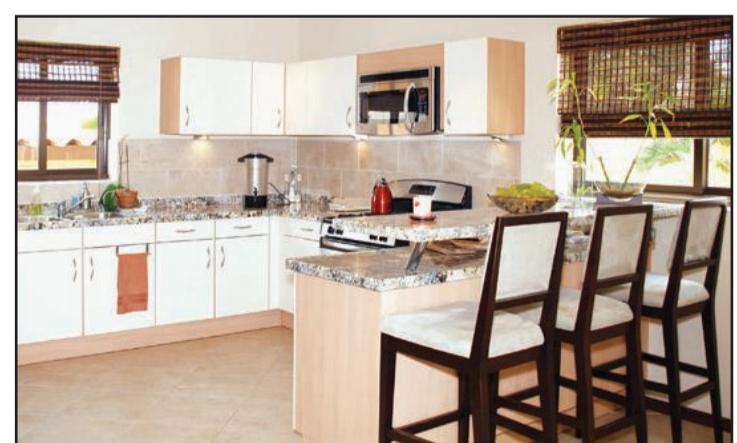
Fito with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years.

"Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took it from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their

kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to provide custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.



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Putin bans Russia grain exports due to drought



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin walks through a wheat field in Vyselki

MOSCOW, Russia (AFP) — Russia, one of the world's top wheat exporters, will impose a temporary ban on grain exports until December 31 due to a record drought, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin announced yesterday.

"In connection with the unusually high temperatures and the drought, I consider it right to impose a temporary ban on the export from Russia of grain and other products produced from grain," Putin told a government meeting.

Russia, currently the world's number three wheat exporter, earlier this week slashed its grain harvest forecast to 70-75 million tons owing to the worst drought for decades.

Last year, Russia exported 21.4 million tons of grain and observers had already warned this risks being sharply lower this year owing to the drought.

The prime minister's spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that the embargo would come into force from August 15 and would remain in place until December 31, the Interfax news agency reported.

"We must not allow an increase in domestic prices and must preserve the headcount of our cattle," said Putin in comments broadcast on state television.

Putin said that grain from the government's intervention fund would be handed out to the regions most in need with-

out any auction.

He also said that Russian agriculture producers who had suffered as a result of the drought would receive financial aid totalling 35 billion rubles (1.17 billion dollars).

Some 10 billion rubles (335 million dollars) of this would be direct, free aid while 25 billion rubles (837 million dollars) would take the form of a three-year budget credit at advantageous rates, he added.

Concerns about Russia -- coupled with a drought that has also hit the Ukraine and Kazakhstan as well as a low harvest in Canada -- have already led to a spike in global wheat prices to two year highs.

The severity of the drought has seen states of emergency declared in 27 Russian regions and dealt a major blow to its ambitions of ramping up its global market share over the next years.

The Russian Grain Union has given an even bleaker forecast on this year's harvest that the ministry, putting it at only 72-78 million tons.

It also warned that in a worst-case scenario, exports could nearly halve this year, giving a range of 11 million tons to 19.5 million tons.

Russia's average annual domestic consumption of grain is estimated at around 77 million tons.

Russia plans to boost its market share significantly over the next years by modernising infrastructure, in particular storage silos, and exploiting land that was left fallow under the Soviet Union.

It had been aiming to more than double exports to 40-50 million tons a year by increasing supplies to grain-hungry consumers like Egypt.

Deputy Agriculture Minister Alexander Belyayev on Tuesday moved to calm markets by saying that "for the moment" Russia did not plan to impose export restrictions and insisting this year's exports would be "at the level of previous years."

"Exports are very easy to lose and very hard to win," he said then.

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British drink to good health at beer festival



Photo at left shows a drinker sporting a St. George's waistcoat enjoys his beer at The Great British Beer Festival in London, at right, a man dressed as Betty Stogs from Skinner's Brewery in Cornwall raises a pint.



LONDON, England (AFP) — Beer is good for you and can save you from having to go jogging, organisers insisted at the Great British Beer Festival this week.

The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), which is behind the giant annual party, said beer had fewer calories than wine, and switching from the grape to the grain could save as many calories as are burned in a half-hour jog.

And CAMRA hope the notion might help their push to get more women supping Britain's national drink.

More than 350,000 pints were served up at Earls Court exhibition center in west London -- temporarily the biggest pub in the world, serving more than 60,000 punters.

Among the 500 plus beers available during the five-day festival were some striking names.

They included Reverend Ray, Three Sisters, Milky Way, Punk IPA, Doff Cocker, Mexican Bandit, Dustin Hoffman, Old Legover, Staggering Genius, Gobble, Slovenian Rhapsody, Hip Hop, Village Bike, Old Stoatwobbler and Naked Ladies.

Louise Ashworth, CAMRA head of marketing, said it was time to challenge stale perceptions of beer.

"Swapping a glass of wine

for a glass of beer over seven days can actually lose you calories -- equivalent to doing a half-hour jog -- because beer is actually much less fattening than wine," she told AFP.

"Beer can be a very healthy alternative and people should consider swapping.

"The misconception about beer bellies, you don't really hear about wine bellies. It's something of a misnomer or a stereotype."

Melissa Cole, a freelance beer writer and tasting expert, ran a special "girl's guide" to take groups of women through the variety of flavours on offer, from refreshing, golden ales to dark, chocolatey stouts.

"I want to provide an environment where women will learn about beer and won't be patronised," she told AFP.

Cole said female wine drinkers had quite developed palates, opening the way to exploring the world of ale.

"Women are really getting more confidence around beer.

"There is something for everyone. It's not that you don't like real ale, it's just that you haven't met the right one for you yet."

Real ale is fresh beer brewed using traditional ingredients and left to mature in the cask from which it is served, as opposed to lager, pasteurised and then fizzed up.

"Bad lager is the spawn of Satan!" Cole said.

In the cavernous hall, bearded beer fest veterans in faded tee-shirts and 20-somethings alike tasted their way across the rows of pumps.

"I've been picking the ones with the nice names, we've had Honey Buzzard and Golden Spring," said New Zealand teacher Anne Bowler, 26.

"They're nice but I've got to keep going until I find the perfect one. I'm kind of a new convert."

Georgina Hunt, 50, from Wiltshire in southwest England, was drinking real cider.

"It's cloudy, no lumps in it and goes down a treat. It's 11 out of 10. Fantastic. I've had too many, and I'm going to have some more," she said.

Kelly Allerston, 28, a legal assistant from San Diego in California, did the "Girl's Guide" course. Her favourite beer was a golden Welsh brew called Ysbrid Y Ddraig.

German beer writer Sylvia Kopp said the Great British Beer Festival was much better than Munich's famous knees-up.

She said: "What does the Oktoberfest have to do with beer? Nothing! There are only five beers and it's more about quantity than about quality. It's not about tasting."

The festival ends tomorrow.

Aruba's Olympic Committee presents their delegation for the 1st Youth Olympics

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Silver and Bronze medal winner CAC Games Stuart Smit

Nicole Hoevertz, who is one of the few female members of the IOC, and Roy Mezas, president of COA, introduced Brandon Arends, Saskia Postma, and Jonathan Ponson, who will compete in the disciplines of judo and swimming on behalf of Aruba. Public Health and Sport, Richard Visser joined the event to send them on their way with the ritual of handing over Aruba's flag for them to carry during the opening parade.

Joining the delegation as a symbol of youth in sports is



Synchro team participants in the CAC Games



**Triathlon competitor CAC
Robert Alexander**

first Youth Olympics, such as Michael Phelps, and Nicole expressed that Aruba is honored that Sarah-Quita was invited to be among them.

A large part of the presentation was also dedicated to honoring the delegation that recently returned from Mayagüez, Puerto Rico and the 21st Central American and Caribbean Games (CAC).

Among them was Brandon Arends, who will represent Aruba again in Judo at the Youth Olympics and Stuart Smit, who was singled out for bringing home both a bronze and silver medal from the CAC for Tae Kwon Do. The large delegation also included



CAC weightlifter Jennifer Piter and coaches

Nicole van der Velden, who will participate in the sailing events, is in Holland with her coach, where the athletes will meet before making their way to Singapore.

Aruba's delegation departs on August 9 with their coaches and Head of Mission Bryan Lopez. The Minister of



Swim team competitors at CAC, with coach and president of the Aruba's Swimming Federation

youngsters who competed in swimming, synchronized swimming, bowling, weightlifting, BMX, and triathlon.

Nicole explained the Youth Olympics was conceived to harbor much more than sports competitions, but also includes several days of education programs and

events; all athletes must attend for the full time of the Youth Olympics, not only for their particular event. They believe allowing youth from distant cultures to interact, socialize and form friendships will help dispel misconceptions and develop tolerance, which is the spirit of the Olympics.



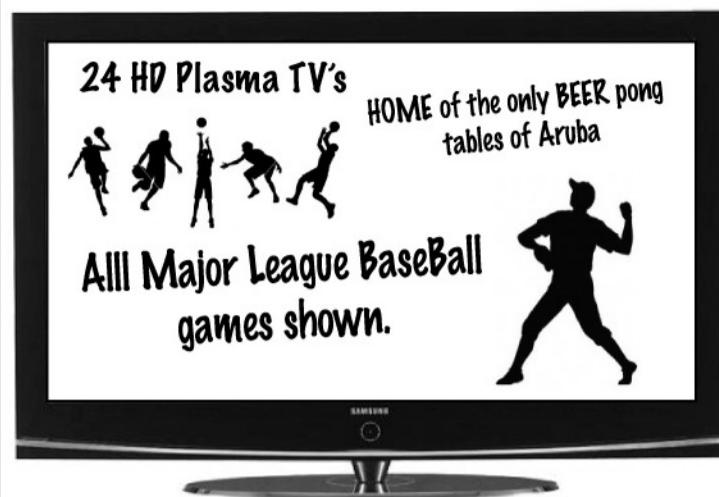
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Rangers exit bankruptcy as legend Ryan wins auction

FORT WORTH (AFP) - Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan, who helped revive the Texas Rangers on the mound in the 1980s, has rescued the team from bankruptcy as a new owner of the Major League Baseball club.

US Bankruptcy Judge Stacey Jernigan approved the Rangers' bankruptcy reorganization plan barely half a day after Ryan's group won an auction for the club with a winning bid valued at 591 million dollars.

The ruling sets the stage for Major League Baseball to make a final approval next week of Ryan and sports attorney Chuck Greenberg as the new owners of the 62-45 team that leads the American League West division by eight games.

Only the New York Yankees, Tampa Bay and San Diego have better records than the Rangers this season among major league clubs as Texas seems set for a playoff appearance for the first time since 1999.

Attorneys for the Rangers say that repayment issues to creditors and disputes with

lenders have been resolved.

A marathon auction ended early Thursday morning with Ryan, the Rangers team president, and Greenberg defeating NBA Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, whose losing bid was valued at 581 million dollars.

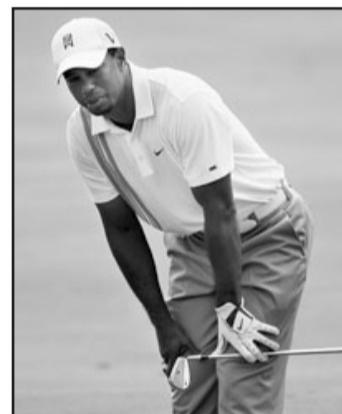
Ryan joined the Rangers in 1988 as a free agent and achieved several of his career milestones with Texas, including his 300th triumph and 5,000th strikeout. He retired in 1993.

For two months, Ryan had attended every bankruptcy hearing involving the Rangers, testifying that he felt a quick exit was needed from bankruptcy so the Rangers could keep top players and make moves for new talent.

The auction conclusion and bankruptcy exit came five days after baseball's main trading deadline, but the result brought a smile to Ryan's face.

"It was an emotional roller-coaster," Ryan said, "You go to court one day and it didn't go your way, but you go back another day and it would. It's a relief."

Woods flounders at Firestone



AKRON (AFP) - Tiger Woods carded his career worst score at Firestone, a shocking four-over-par 74 in the opening round at the Bridgestone Invitational on Thursday.

Woods has dominated the World Golf Championships event, winning it seven times at Firestone Country Club, but he was completely off his game in ideal conditions.

He hit only five fairways in a wayward driving performance and the rest of his game was just as bad as he finished the day ahead of only eight players.

It was his worst score by

two strokes in 45 competitive rounds at Firestone.

"It's frustrating, because I warmed up well and my practice sessions at home were good," said the world number one. "Today was not indicative of how I've been playing.

"The last three holes I hit some good shots but the majority of the day I didn't.

"I just didn't play well, didn't get off to a good start, two-over through two easy holes. I hit about two good iron shots all day and didn't hit any good putts either.

Ex-teammate: Armstrong encouraged doping

NEW YORK (AFP) - A former teammate of Lance Armstrong has reportedly backed claims by disgraced cycling champion Floyd Landis that Armstrong took part in and encouraged doping within the US Postal team.

A New York Times report said an ex-teammate of Armstrong, who wished to remain anonymous, had spoken with investigators detailing "some of his own drug use, as well as the widespread cheating

"The only thing I did good today is I kept my patience, grinded all day, and that was the best I could have done."

Woods has never gone so late in the season without posting a victory, although this is only his eighth start this year, because he took the first three months off to deal with his personal problems.

He said his goal was to get back to even par or better by the end of the second round on Friday and take it from there.

Liverpool, Juventus secure play-off spots

PARIS (AFP) - Former European champions Liverpool and Juventus guaranteed a heavyweight presence in the Europa League play-offs on Thursday after wrapping up their qualifying ties.

nese government's foreign investment arm denied funding a bid for the club, there was no confusion on the pitch about who was going through to the next stage of Europe's second-tier club competition.

Having established a 2-0 first leg lead in Skopje seven days ago, Hodgson's Anfield arrival was never in danger of turning sour.

He made sure of that by naming his strongest side available with Jamie Carragher and Glen Johnson starting along with Gerrard while new signing Joe Cole also impressed by setting up

that he said went on as part of the Postal Service team -- all of which he said was done with Armstrong's knowledge and encouragement."

The report said the rider in question "has never tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs or methods" and "asked that his name not be used because investigators advised him not to speak publicly about the information he provided".

Taj Mahal Taste of India

Juventus rested a host of stars, but still moved into the next round with Alessandro Del Piero coming off the bench to score the only goal in a 1-0 win over Irish side Shamrock Rovers.

The Italians had won the first leg 2-0 in Dublin last week.

Australian star Harry Kewell scored twice as Turkish side Galatasaray made sure of their place in Friday's play-off draw with a 5-1 win at OFK Belgrade for a 7-3 aggregate.



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Smith, Rice head gridiron Hall of Fame honorees



(L-R) Jerry Rice and Emmitt Smith talk on stage after they were both announced as two of the newest enshrinees into the Hall of Fame during the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class

CANTON (AFP) - Emmitt Smith and Jerry Rice - the NFL's all-time leading rusher and receiver - headline the 2010 class that will be inducted Saturday into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Rice and Smith were both elected to the shrine in their first year of eligibility, and said they were pleased to go into the Hall together while leaders atop two of the NFL's most hallowed lists.

"Nobody could write a script this perfect," Smith said back in February, when the results of the voting were

announced during Super Bowl week. "For Jerry Rice and I to go in at the same time, it's just incredible."

Both players are three-time Super Bowl champions, and in their careers gave teams plenty of chances to regret that they bypassed them in the NFL Draft.

Rice was the 16th selection in the 1985 draft and Smith was taken 17th in 1990.

Rice had the luck to be drafted by a San Francisco 49ers team coming off their second Super Bowl victory.

"When I first stepped into that locker room I looked across and there was Joe Montana and Ronnie Lott, all of these Hall of Famers and I'm in the room with these guys," Rice said. "At first it was like a deer in the headlights."

He quickly showed he belonged. Rice built a record streak of 274 consecutive games with at least one catch, 11 straight 1,000-yard receiving seasons, 22 touchdown catches in 12 games of the strike-shortened 1987 season and final totals of 1,549 receptions for 22,895 yards and 197 touchdowns.

Smith, who made his name in 13 seasons with the Dallas Cowboys, rushed for 18,355 yards and 164 touchdowns, and also had the most carries (4,409) for a career.

In a bruising position, Smith was a force for all of his time in Dallas and almost reached 1,000 yards in the second of his two seasons in Arizona at the end of his ca-

reer.

"I was motivated by one thing and one thing only: winning games," Smith said. "I wanted to win. And I wanted to win very bad."

The two lead a class of seven gridiron greats, including Detroit Lions defensive back Dick LeBeau, who has been even more successful as a defensive coordinator.

Washington guard Russ Grimm - also now a top NFL assistant coach, New Orleans linebacker Rickey Jackson, Minnesota defensive tackle John Randle and Denver running back Floyd Little will also be enshrined.

This year, the ceremonies may attract a more diverse audience than usual thanks to Smith and Rice, who gained wider fame with engaging

appearances on the "Dancing With the Stars" television show.

Smith won the competition and Rice finished runner-up the season he appeared.

Smith welcomed the chance to show another side to his fans.

"I know for me, people did not get a chance to see my face or personality," Smith said, noting the common belief that football players are "barbaric, gladiators and soldiers and all these other analogies they associate us with."

"When it comes to 'Dancing with the Stars,' it's about the personalities, who we are when we are not in uniform, and I think 'Dancing with the Stars' gave us an opportunity to reach out in another way."

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